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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action of October 8, 2003.

Applicants confirm election to prosecute claims 1-10 and 14 having the film layer as the additional layer.

Applicants elect the species of the substrate for disposal footwear reflected in claims 8-10 and 14 which examiner indicates would be allowable if rewritten to address section 112 issues.

Applicants would request that claims 11-13 be simultaneously considered as dependency of these claims ultimately stemming from claim 10 has been clarified by Amendment. Each of these claims 8-14 address substrates for disposable footwear and would be simultaneously searchable.

(Alternatively, to be responsive Applicants would elect claims 5-7 and 14 and 2 which examiner categorizes as directed to the species of a fractured film layer as the additional layer.)